

To Advertisers & the Public.

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EN ROUTE FOR THE MINES.

During the month of March we shall be losing a great portion of our population who will take wing for the mines early this season to be in readiness for work when the state of the weather will admit of it. Much is expected from the improvements in the machinery and appliances for working the mines. Much also may be expected from the formation of companies for carrying on mining operations, which will be able to effect far more in the limited season during which work can be comfortably carried on in the northern mining districts. Already are the rival routes commencing to boast of their different advantages, which are really but of small importance now complete at both routes are completed with the meagre facilities that were offered for travellers two years ago. Now, from the improvements that have been made along the whole route, the trip to Williams Creek can be undertaken as a pleasure trip. The houses along the road have been improved ever since last year, and any one who can walk or ride can get up to Cariboo this year with the greatest ease. But it is not every one who can get employment when he gets there. As machinery becomes more generally used, no doubt there will be some room for others than the hardy miner, but at present he who cannot manage the pick and shovel with ease and comfort to himself had better not undertake the journey to the mines. There is of course some work for men who are not practical miners, but as a rule we cannot conceive that any place can be a worse school for those young men who are to be found in Victoria as well as in most other corners of the earth, who fancy that their heads can support them without the assistance of their hands, wherever they may be, and that, without the exercise of energy or application. The mines are a hard trial to such men, and the chances are that going up to Cariboo with small means, all who cannot raise their hands, and who are not ready with a heavy good will to turn to any employment that offers either on the road or at the mines, will signally fail in their achievements this year, as some have every year since the first discovery of gold on the Fraser.

Far better would it be for those who have not either a claim to go to or a prospect of regular work in claims belonging to other persons, or a thorough dependence upon their own strength of arm and indomitable will and perseverance, to settle down at some regular employment for the summer in the agricultural or mineral districts of this Colony, although at a moderate rate of remuneration, until they become a little accustomed to roughing it, and so more fitted to undergo the hard labor of the diggings. We would not for, one moment discourage the hardy miners from trying the upper country once more; indeed, the prospects seem very much better for this class of men this year than they have been heretofore, and those who can stand the season's labor will in all probability have just as regular work as during the last season, with pay as high and perhaps somewhat steadier, whilst provisions will in all probability be considerably lower. As the miner was able to save a dollar a day during the whole summer season in provisions, it would make a comfortable addition to his savings. The journey up and down too will cost less than heretofore, as the roads are improved the traveller, whether on horse or foot, will make better time, and with an additional number of houses and consequent competition added to a reduction in the cost of provisions, meals at roadside houses must become cheaper. It does not seem, however, to be anticipated that there will be the slightest decrease in the price of labor. Until the mining population becomes very much larger there is not the slightest prospect of its being materially reduced, nor is it by any means desirable that it should. It is much better for the trader and the general prosperity of the colony that the working men should have remunerative wages, they will do far more towards distributing and circulating the gold than will the large mining capitalists.

THE WATER WORKS.

At this, the closing period of the Session, we have crowded under the notice of the Legislature, three bills of considerable importance to our city. As a public measure, the importance of the Incorporation Act cannot be for one moment doubted; then we have the Telegraph Act, in favor of which we presume an effort will be made to waive the standing order; and lastly, we have the Bill for supplying the city with water. The promoters of this Bill seem to be taking matters very easy; they have quietly and steadily gone on with their works, until they have laid a main pipe from Spring Ridge to the corner of Fort Street, and will soon be in a position to supply the whole of Yates street and Government street with water. So far, they have progressed without let or hindrance, and as no ground has been heard from the Company for some time ago for supplying the town with water from Elk Lake, we may assume that the parties who have shown themselves to be earnest in their endeavors to supply the town with pure water by undertaking the work so far on their own responsibility, will have the field to themselves. There can be no reason that this Company, provided they are bound down to provide an abundant supply of water for the city, either from their present source, or from the lakes, as with the increasing size of the city may be found necessary, should not be granted an exclusive privilege for a period of five years. It is hardly wise or desirable in a young city like ours to long a period as ten years. It may be better for the inhabitants that there should be a monopoly granted, for if the Company get their charter they will be put upon terms, to supply the water at a certain rate, whereas if they are not restricted they may, until any opposition company is organized, charge rates which would be but a slight improvement upon the present system of paying by the bucket. It is very doubtful if the ordinary rates are observed, whether the Spring Ridge Water Works Act can be passed through the House this Session, and inasmuch as it is most desirable that the status of the company should be thoroughly known and established before the summer season with its long droughts sets in upon us, it might be desirable that similar assistance might be given to the company by the passage through the House, as to the other Bill. Although a private Act of Parliament

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is necessary, it cannot be denied that the supply of water to the city will be a great and lasting public benefit, an adequate supply of water in the streets will tend to improve the value of all city property, and for its sanitary advantages alone is worthy of the support and consideration of all good citizens.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Miss Florence Wilson

IS LEAVING THE COLONY

In Three Weeks,

And therefore intends

Selling Off at Oost Price!

THE WHOLE OF THE NEW STOCK

JUST ARRIVED PER "SEA SNAKE,"

Consisting of

CARVED WOOD

Bread, Butter, and Cheese Dishes!

Mantel Ornaments, in Parian and Bronze!

Toys, &c., &c.

SELLING OFF!

Matthew R. Webb & Co.

FORT STREET, NEAR WHARF,

BRINGING ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR CARIBOO

CLOTHING,

DRY GOODS,

CARPETING, ETC.

At Manufacturer's Prices!

TO BE LET.

THAT LARGE AND COMMODIOUS

Three-Story Brick Building on the corner of

Wharf and Fort streets, formerly occupied by J. C.

Ridge, Esq., is now for sale on the 10th March.

There is a cellar beneath the full size of the building.

For particulars enquire of THOS. GOLDEN, Esq.,

at the Brown Jug, corner Government and Fort

streets, on Thursday Evening March 1st, at 8 o'clock.

By order of the President,

D. B. LAIR, Secretary.

NOTICE.

To Carpenters and Builders.

TENDERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE

erection of a Dwelling House at Shal Bay.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Architect's Office, where tenders are to be delivered

on Thursday, the 11th March. The lowest tender will be accepted if it differs by not more than

one per cent. from the price named in the advertisement.

W. G. SANDERS, Architect.

Bark Rival.

A LITTLE AGONY FOR THE BARK

this must be presented at the office of the undersigned, before 11 o'clock this day, or they will not be allowed.

T. F. MARTIN & CO., Agents.

Farmers, Attention!

FOR SALE.

KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS AND TIM-

othy Seed, Garden seeds, seed cake, White

Potatoes, and Black Mountain (Wentzel and Tur-

key) seed, all of good quality.

Also, Two Yoke of Work Oxen at Cloverdale, 2

miles from Victoria, Spanish Road.

Can be seen on the premises.

JAS. B. DOUGHERTY.

SEARBY & MOORE,

Dispensing Chemists,

GOVERNMENT STREET,

HAYING RECEIVED, per "Excelsior,"

and other recent arrivals from London, can

be seen at their stock, are now able

to offer to the public.

THE BEST SELECTED STOCK OF

DRUGS

In the Colony.

As their attention is now devoted to establishing a

PURE DRUG BUSINESS,

The Medical Profession, and those interested in

having carefully prepared Medicines, have all

the advantages that UNDIVIDED ATTENTION can

secure, being

Practical Pharmacologists,

AS WELL AS

IMPORTERS OF DRUGS,

They will be able to supply whatever new remedies

may from time to time be called into requisition by

the medical profession, and also such articles as

Chemists, whether European or American. While,

however, their first aim is to procure the best mate-

rials, and by skilful manipulation to produce there-

from

The Best Medicines!

They at the same time keep a constant supply of

every kind of special medicine, such as Dan-

dula, Spiltes, Trusses, Elastic Stockings, Ear and

Nose Sprays, Breast Pumps, &c. of the newest

and most improved descriptions, and also such arti-

cles for the Nursery, the Toilet, the Sick Room, and

for general family use as are usually found in the

First Class Druggists Shops of England.

Plans of their recent importations, the following

are especially worthy of attention.

PURE NEWFOUNDLAND

COD LIVER OIL,

(NEW);

SPARKLING EFFERVESCENT

Citrate of Magnesia,

Prepared in London, Expressly for S. & M

COUGH LOZENGES,

GELATINE LOZENGES,

PEPSINE--The Genuine,

CHLORODYNE--The Genuine,

JAMES' FEVER POWDER,

(The Genuine),

FLUID MAGNESIA

DINNEFORD'S AND MURRAY'S,

NELSON'S CUT GLASS,

VICKERS' CUT GLASS,

(For Family Use),

Puff Boxes,

GOSNELL'S

Hair Brushes!

Large, and of First Quality.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction.

TO-MORROW,

Tuesday, 1st March.

DAMAGED

GOODS!

'Sea Snake'

DANIEL SCOTT & CO

Have been instructed by Lloyd's Agent to sell

AT THEIR SALESROOM,

FORT STREET, NEAR WHARF,

On Tuesday, the 1st Proximo,

THE FOLLOWING GOODS,

DAMAGED BY SEA WATER,

AND SOLD

ON ACCOUNT OF THE UNDERWRITERS,

Commencing at 11 a.m. precisely,

J. H. T. in dia, B outside—

25 to 52, 28 packages, 5,000 Bath

Bricks.

J. H. T. in dia, B outside—

No. 113, 64 sheets Zinc, No. 11 and 7

No. 8 to 17, Samples do do

J. H. T. in dia, B outside—

100 to 104, 4 kegs 4 in. Spikes

105 to 107, 3 kegs 4 1/2 in. do

108 to 109, 2 kegs 5 in. do

110 to 111, 2 kegs 6 in. do

No. 112, 18 doz assorted Butt Hinges

No. 113, 18 doz assorted Brass do

21 doz assorted Padlocks

24 doz assorted Tilt Locks

33 gross Table Spoons, assorted.

115 over J. H. T. in dia, B outside—

1 case, 5 doz more or less Heavy Men's

Pilot Jockets and Overcoats.

1 BALE—

No. 115, 6 pieces, 6-4 Printed Druggist

9 pieces, 3-4 Tapestry

4 pieces, 4-4 Felt Carpets

4 pieces, 6-4 Felt Carpets

1 M C, No. 10-1 CASE

—CONTENTS—

Bordered Long Shawls

Frisled do

Embroidered do

Plaid do

Paisley do

Pieces Colored Silk Velvet

do Barege

do Green Damask

do Colored Flannel

Jocinet Shirt Fronts

Suteen Corsets

(Brown, White, and Blue)

Infant's Bands

Black Lace Falls

Crimoline, Robes, &c., &c.

J. H. T. in dia, B outside—44 & 45—

2 cases assorted Toilet, Windsor, Gly

cerine, Honey, and other Fancy

Soaps.

58 to 57, 20 boxes Yellow London

Soap.

78 to 97, 20 boxes Brown London

Soap.

J. H. T. in dia, B outside—18, 20, 21, 22, 23—

6 cases Coy's Irish Bacon (middles

and bellies).

fe27 TERMS CASH.

VICTORIA

BOOK-BINDERY!

Government st., in rear of Mr. Davis, Surgeon.

THE SUBSCRIBERS REG-

ulation of the inhabitants of Vancouver

Island and British Columbia that the Company

is now in a position of offering valuable

assistance to persons wishing to buy, sell, or lease

property, real estate, or other business, and to

work in the above line. All orders executed with

dispatch, and at the lowest possible rate.

OTTO & MOFFAT

E. C. Waddington,

LAND AGENT

AND STOCK BROKER

Government st. next St Nicholas Hotel

E. C. Waddington HAVING RE-

ceived in Victoria for over four years, and

during that period attended to the business of

the land and stock agents, and is now in a position

of offering valuable assistance to persons wishing to buy, sell, or lease

property, real estate, or other business, and to

work in the above line. All orders executed with

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OTTO & MOFFAT

Kid Gloves, Kid Gloves

WHITE, DARK, MEDIUM & BLACK.

A FULL AND COMPLETE AS-

sortment in Sizes and Colors of

Ladies' best quality FRENCH KID

GLOVES, for sale wholesale or re-

tail.

A. TOFFMAN'S,

Yates street, opposite Langley street.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

H. B. CAMPBELL,

Accountant and General Agent,

GENERAL AVERAGES ADJUSTED;

BALANCE SHEETS PREPARED;

MINING CLAIMS BOUGHT AND SOLD;

RECORDS SEARCHED AND CERTI-

fied copies of the same made, and

all business transacted in the most

efficient manner, and at the lowest

possible rate.

Office on Government street, lately occupied by

Mr. Wilson, opposite Seaby & Moore's.

Victoria, January 26th, 1864.

Reception of the New

Governor.

The following are the names of the gentlemen

appointed by His Worship the Mayor, at the Public

Meeting yesterday, to act as a Committee to

receive the new Governor, and to

arrange for his reception, with power to add to

their number.

Mr. J. W. Wallace, W. A. G. Young, J. S.

Hemcken, C. Street, M. M. J. Walker, J. W.

Parker, J. Stewart, J. G. Simpson, J. H. H.

Bing and Graham, R. Kerr, A. Watson, W.

Woodward, J. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.

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